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TAGS: AORG, CGEN, EAGR, UR

SUBJ: IMPORTATION OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS BY SOV MISSION TO UN

REF: USUN 3547

1. FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT AND USUN IN CONNECTION REFTTEL WE WOULD NOTE THAT EMBASSY HAS HAD LITTLE DIFFICULTY WITH IMPORTATION COMMERCIAL FOODSTUFFS ENTERING SOVIET UNION EITHER AS INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE SHIPMENTS OR IN BULK TO EMBASSY COMMISSARY. FOR COMMISSARY SHIPMENTS, SOVIET CUSTOMS RECEIVES FULL DESCRIPTION AND IN PRINCIPLE CAN CHALLENGE ANY ITEM CONTRAVENING SOVIET LAW OR REGULATION. IN PRACTICE, SUCH SHIPMENTS ARE RARELY GIVEN MORE THAN CURSORY INSPECTION TO ASCERTAIN NUMBER OF ITEMS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ON OCCASION ENCOUNTERED ANNOYING DELAYS NOT RELATED TO OBJECTIONS OVER CONTENTS. WE HAVE HEARD OF NUMEROUS INSTANCES INVOLVING CONFISCATION BY SOVIET CUSTOMS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, E.G. CHEESES, SALAMI, ETC., FROM ACCOMPANYING BAGGAGE OF INDIVIDUALS ON ENTRY TO USSR BUT ARE UNAWARE OF ANY RECENT CASES INVOLVING USG OFFICIALS WHO NORMALLY PASS CUSTOMS WITHOUT NEED FOR DECLARATION OR INSPECTION.

2. IN GENERAL, USUN'S APPROACH TO QUESTION APPEARS THE APPROPRIATE ONE FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT.

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3. GIVEN IMPORTANCE TO POST MORALE AND WELFARE OF CONTINUING

SMOOTH DELIVERIES OUR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS, EMBASSY WOULD  
APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED IF ANY FURTHER DIFFICULTIES ENSUE  
FROM DISCUSSIONS DESCRIBED PARA 2 REFTTEL, SINCE ANY SOVIET  
ACTION TO "RETALIATE" WOULD POSE US WITH POTENTIAL MAJOR  
PROBLEM.  
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